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February 23, 2004

Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Docket Room
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A, East
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: Sound Energy Solutions, Docket No. CP04-58-000

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed for filing in the above-mentioned proceeding, please find an electronic filing of a document entitled **“MOTION TO INTERVENE OF THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION.”**

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Monica A. Schwebs", written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Monica A. Schwebs
Senior Staff Counsel

Enclosure

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Sound Energy Solutions)	Docket No. CP04-58-000
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**MOTION TO INTERVENE
OF THE
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

I.

On January 26, 2004, Sound Energy Solutions (“SES”) filed an application pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act, seeking authorization to site, construct, and operate a liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) import terminal in Long Beach, California. Pursuant to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) Rule of Practice and Procedure 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214, the California Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (“Energy Commission”) hereby moves to intervene in this proceeding. This motion will show that the Energy Commission “has [and] represents . . . interest[s] which may be directly affected by the outcome of the proceeding” and that the Energy Commission’s “participation is in the public interest.” *See* 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (b)(2)(ii)-(iii).

Service of all documents filed in this proceeding should be addressed to the following individuals, whose names and addresses should be placed on the official service list compiled for this proceeding:

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II.

The Energy Commission is a state agency that has statutory responsibilities for establishing state energy policies and planning for adequate energy infrastructure to meet the growing energy demand of California's consumers and businesses. Among those responsibilities is producing the state's Integrated Energy Policy Report. Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 25302-03, 25307. The Integrated Energy Policy Report includes, among other things:

Assessments of trends in . . . natural gas supply and demand, and the outlook for wholesale and retail prices

Forecasts of statewide and regional . . . natural gas demand

Evaluation of the adequacy of . . . natural gas supplies to meet forecasted demand growth. Assessment of the availability, reliability, and efficiency of the . . . natural gas infrastructure

Evaluation of potential impacts of . . . natural gas supply, demand, and infrastructure and resource additions on the . . . natural gas systems, public health and safety, the economy, resources, and the environment.

. . . .

Identification of impending or potential problems or uncertainties in the . . . natural gas markets, potential options and solutions, and recommendations.

Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 25303.

The Energy Commission also has responsibility for administering the state's one-stop licensing process for thermal power plants of greater than 50 MW. Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 25500 et seq. Importation of LNG would have an impact on the state's thermal power plants since in recent years virtually all applications have been for facilities that would use natural gas.

III.

The Energy Commission has taken a leading role in informing the public regarding LNG and applications for LNG terminal facilities that could affect California. The Energy Commission has posted information for the public on its website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/lng>.

IV.

The Energy Commission participated in FERC's pre-filing process for the proposed SES LNG project. In particular, on September 22, 2003, FERC and the Port of Long Beach, the lead state agency for the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 21100 et seq., issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Preparation of Joint Environmental Impact Report; the two agencies also requested scoping comments. An Energy Commission representative attended the public scoping meeting held on October 9, 2003, and the Energy Commission provided extensive scoping comments on October 31, 2003. These scoping comments were filed in FERC's pre-filing docket for this project, PF03-6-000, and are incorporated herein by reference.

The Energy Commission's letter to the FERC and to the Port of Long Beach identified four major categories of concern that it felt should be addressed in the joint environmental document. These categories were:

- Energy supply and infrastructure planning and the potential impacts of LNG imports to Southern California natural gas markets.
- Scope of project alternatives analysis, including alternative natural gas supplies from interstate pipelines and offshore LNG projects that have also been proposed to serve Southern California markets.
- Scope of safety and environmental impact analysis, including the need for the environmental document to provide a detailed discussion of the assumptions and findings from site-specific LNG safety risk assessment studies.
- Coordination with state agencies.

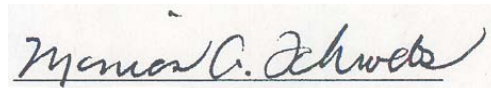
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For all of the reasons stated above, the Energy Commission respectfully requests that FERC grant this motion to intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
By its attorney:

Dated: February 23, 2004



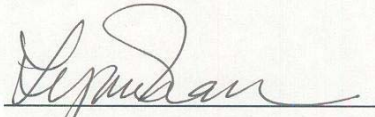
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served by U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, the foregoing document on all parties to this proceeding, as listed on the official service list compiled by the Commission Secretary.

Dated: February 23, 2004


Lynn Tien-Tran